

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-24, 27-28 and 41-69 are pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of previous rejections.

Previously withdrawn claims 29-40 have been canceled without prejudice. New dependent claims 66-69 have been added. Claim 49 has been amended to delete the OR group in the definition of U. Thus, as amended, the claims are directed to compounds having formula (1), wherein U is an amide derivative. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims, in view of the remarks below.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5, 24 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated under Chu *et al.* (U.S. patent 5,318,965). To expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended to exclude the cited compounds in Chu. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-11, 13-24, 27-28 and 41-65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Office rejected the phrase “U is ... 5-14 membered ring containing No, O or S” as lacking description. Claim 1 has been amended to delete the objected term, rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 1-28 and 41-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. In remark (a), the Office indicated that claim 1 and its dependent claims are rejected “because the phrase ‘U is ... 5-14 membered ring containing N, O or S’ is not clear.” Applicants assume that this rejection pertains to the typographical error reciting the nitrogen atom N as “No.” Claim 1 has been amended to delete the objected term, rendering this rejection moot.

In remark (b), the Office indicated that the carbonyl (C=O) substituent is incorrect. To expedite prosecution, the C=O groups have been amended to a =O group. The amendment is supported in specification at page 4, paragraph 6 and in paragraph 19. Applicants therefore, respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 46 has been amended to correct chemical structures allegedly not drawn properly, and to correct various informalities. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection

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